

(a) to educate athletes about the importance of protective equipment and encourage the use of all protective devices to ensure the athlete's safety;

(b) to recommend using protective equipment that meets the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) and that the equipment is clearly identified as being in compliance;

(c) to observe National Facial Protection Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES C. LANHAM

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the career and accomplishments of Charles C. Lanham of Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

For the past 50 years, he has been a leader of various civic and professional organizations addressing the needs of his community and small town banks. A graduate of Marshall University and former member of the Army National Guard, Charles began his banking career in Ripley, WV and later took a job as Vice President of Citizens National Bank in nearby Point Pleasant in 1963. He spent the next 40 years as a leader in local community banks and recently retired from his current post as Director Emeritus of the Ohio Valley Banc Corps.

Despite his prominent banking career, he is revered most for his public service. He has successfully brought results through his leadership and involvement with countless community organizations that address the needs of Mason County. His greatest contribution; however, is his work to bring attention to improving Route 35.

Charles and two of his colleagues, David Hofsetter and Jack Fruth formed the Route 35 Committee to address the dangerous stretch of highway in Mason and Putnam Counties in 1996. For the next ten years, Charles spent countless hours traveling from his home in Point Pleasant to our state capitol and the halls of Congress to advocate funding for this project.

His hard work finally paid off in 2003 when funding was first appropriated to begin the upgrade. The link of highway he so tirelessly worked to improve was named in his honor as the Fruth-Lanham Highway. In 2005, Charles answered another call to public service when he was named Senator of 4th Senatorial District where he could work to further his mission for Route 35.

Charles represents the true calling of public service. It is an honor to work with such a distinguished citizen who has contributed so much to our great state. I'm proud to call Charles Lanham a friend and a fellow West Virginian. I wish him all best in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING STAN McNABB
OF TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, this year, 25,000 individuals from the

automobile industry converged to honor the nominees for Time Magazine's "Dealer of the Year" Award. Today, I'm proud to congratulate Stan McNabb of Tullahoma, Tennessee, on his nomination for the 2008 Time Magazine Dealer of the Year. This prestigious honor is a tribute to his exceptional performance as an auto dealer and his steadfast commitment to community service, and I rise today to recognize Stan's dedication to his trade and to the people of Coffee County.

Robert Weaver, President of the Tennessee Automotive Association, nominated Stan to represent Tennessee as one of the 51 dealers who will compete as finalists for "Dealer of the Year," an award that required a demonstration of successful auto-dealing as well as an ongoing dedication to community service.

Stan, who earned his degree from Middle Tennessee State University, sold cars as a young man at a Chevrolet dealership and quickly discovered that his passion for automobiles could develop into a career. Stan bought his first dealership in 1980, and now owns three businesses in middle Tennessee. In addition, Stan has used his success in business to contribute to the State. As a board member of "Partners for Healing," an organization meant to provide help and support to the working uninsured in Coffee County, Tennessee, Stan exemplifies a charitable spirit that is a model for business owners across the State.

It is a privilege to congratulate Stan McNabb on his nomination for this award, and to recognize him for his success and service.

CONGRATULATING MR. RONNIE
POIROUX ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Mr. Ronnie Poiroux on the occasion of his retirement after a 37-year public service career with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT).

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of South Alabama, Ronnie joined ALDOT in 1971 as an engineering assistant. Six years later, he was named assistant division maintenance engineer, a position in which he supervised 32 employees. In this capacity, Ronnie was charged with bridge inspection and repair, resurfacing, paint striping, traffic signals, and truck weighing. Just months after this promotion, Ronnie was given the additional responsibilities of overseeing tunnels and lift span bridges, including the supervision of an additional 45 employees.

In 1982, Ronnie was promoted to maintenance engineer for the Ninth Division. ALDOT's Ninth Division encompasses a large portion of the First Congressional District, including Mobile, Baldwin, Escambia, and Conecuh counties. As maintenance engineer for the Ninth Division, Ronnie supervised and administered the railroad safety projects, division resurfacing projects and paved shoulder projects in southwest Alabama. Ronnie managed bridge inspections and helped establish

priorities for bridge replacement projects. He also administered outdoor advertising as well as the interstate logo program.

Ronnie was promoted to division engineer for the Ninth Division in 1994, a position he held until his retirement 14 years later. As division engineer, Ronnie supervised numerous projects in southwest Alabama, including: \$900 million in construction and maintenance projects; \$200 million in preliminary engineering, right of way acquisition and utility relocations; the opening of I-165; completion of the I-165 connector and Bay Bridge relocation to Cochrane Africatown Bridge; completion of replacement bridges over Fish River and Dog River; hurricane evacuation routes and emergency evacuations of south Alabama; preliminary design and planning of proposed Mobile Bay bridge; redesign and construction of the new I-10 interchange in Irvington as well as the connector to Bayou La Batre; the widening of Highway 98; design and construction of Alabama 113 from I-65 to Flomaton; completion of additional lanes and widening projects including Alabama 287 and Alabama 59 in Baldwin County, U.S. 31 in Escambia County and Schillinger Road/Alabama 158 in Mobile County; creation of the award winning Gopher Tortoise Preserve in Mobile County; the installation of osprey nesting platforms in Mobile and Baldwin counties; and construction of Mobile's Traffic Management Center and installation of a fog detection system for the I-10 Bayway Bridge.

Madam Speaker, it is clear Ronnie Poiroux has left an indelible mark on southwest Alabama, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating a dedicated professional and friend to many throughout Alabama. I know Ronnie's colleagues, his family, and his many friends join with me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his many efforts over the years on behalf of southwest Alabama and the entire state.

HONORING AMY ZIEBER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 14, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Amy Zieber of Cameron, Missouri. Amy is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of America, and earning the most prestigious award of Girl Scout Gold Award.

Amy has been very active with her troop, participating in many scout activities. In order to receive the prestigious Gold Award, Amy has completed all seven requirements that promote community service, personal and spiritual growth, positive values and leadership skills.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Amy Zieber her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Girl Scout Gold Award.